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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 1650 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is transmitting the following amendment to the California 2008/09 – 2011/12 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement program (FSTIP) for your approval. This amendment modifies and adds projects in the rural, non-Metropolitan Planning Organization (non-MPO) portion of the state.

No. Description

9 Transit Elements

• Adds Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 (Rural and Small Urban Program) projects funded with America Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) funds. This amendment programs the Tier 1 projects, totaling \$5,513,896. A total of \$5,722,428 in Recovery Act funds is currently available for these projects, leaving an unprogrammed balance of \$208,532. In addition, \$18,000 in Public Transportation Modernization Improvement and Service Enhancement funds, and \$1,362,152 in local or Transportation Development Act funds are also programmed for these projects.

See Enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and FTA approve this Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment No. 9 for inclusion into California's FSTIP.

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Based upon correspondence from FHWA dated May 27, 2008, projects in non-metropolitan isolated non-attainment areas of the State do not need to meet project conformity to be included in the FSTIP. However, such projects must comply with project level conformity requirements when a Federal action such as a National Environmental Protection Agency decision or obligation of funds, is taken on the project.

The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. An updated financial summary table is provided for this amendment.

Projects included in this FTIP, in fiscal years beyond the four-year cycle of the current FSTIP, are not approved as part of this FTIP amendment and are for information only. These projects are included and submitted by Caltrans through the California Transportation Improvement Program System.

Please note that the approval of this amendment does not constitute an eligibility determination for the projects that are federally funded.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Penny Gray of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

RACHEL FALSETTI

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

c: Karina O'Connor – EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure) Lisa Hanf – EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)